

REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 12, 2009 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 12, 21, 33, 34 and 36 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. No new matter has been added and no new issues are raised which require further consideration or search. Claims 12-30 and 33-55 are presently pending.

The Office Action indicated that claims 24-29, 35 and 37-55 have been allowed and that claims 12-23, 30 and 36 have been objected to for containing allowable subject matter but depending from a rejected base claims. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of these claims. Applicants submit that all presently pending claims 12-30 and 33-55 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 12, 21, 30, 33, 34 and 36 have been objected to for failing to provide the proper antecedent basis for the term "received signal." Applicants have amended claims 12, 21, 33, 34 and 36 to recite "received digital signal." Applicants submit that claim 30 contains no such informalities. Accordingly, each of the claim objections have been addressed. Withdrawal of the objections is kindly requested.

Claims 33 and 34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. For instance, it was alleged that claims 33 and 34 may include a received digital signal that is not in electronic form and that is not tied

to an apparatus or other form of statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended claims 33 and 34 to recite that a digital signal is transmitted/received “via an electronic transmitter” or “via an electronic receiver”, respectively. Accordingly, the allegation that the digital signal is not electronic or tied to an apparatus is no longer proper in view of the claim amendments included herein. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 33 and 34 is kindly requested.

For at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that all of claims 12-30 and 33-55 be allowed, and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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